

Christiana, Oct. 9, 1858.

Dear Wife:

191 I pencilled a few hurried lines to you at Philadelphia, but had not time to put it into the mail before leaving the city, and so dropped it into the post office at West Chester.

Our meetings at West Chester were not quite so well attended as usual, but, as the "Friends" are apt to say, it was a "strengthening" occasion, and one of "great enlargement" of spirit. We were disappointed in not having Dr. Furness with us; and there was no speaker from abroad besides myself, except Mr. Bleby, whose narrative of the workings of West India Emancipation, though previously read by many present as reported in the Standard and Liberator, was listened to with thrilling interest. He remained throughout the meetings, excepting the last, and seemed to be highly gratified. It was an assembly perfectly unique to him, so almost entirely made up of Quaker materials, of the most "progressive" stamp. I did not have much speaking to do; for there is much more disposition for general discussion at this anniversary than at ours. Besides, Quakers are very slow and methodical in all that they do,

and consume three fold more time in transacting their business than we do. There was great unity of sentiment, and the resolutions that I presented, written in my usual "strong" style, were unanimously adopted, except one, relating to the Republican party, there being two negative votes. Lucretia Mott and Mary Grew made excellent speeches; so did McKim, Thomas Whitson, Henry Grew, and ^{Joseph W. Bugdual,} Benj. Collier. At the close, it was declared to have proved their very best anniversary; though I think they have had others not less so. The last impressions are always the most vivid.

Multitudinous inquiries were made after you and the children, all regretting that you were not with me, and all desiring to be affectionately remembered to you. The best thing I could do was, to let them see your daguerreotype, and those of the children; and many eagerly examined them who had never seen you or any of the family.

I stopped at our friend Simon Barnard, with Mr. Bleby, each of us having a good room and an excellent bed, and finding the most cordial hospitality. The Longwood friends were particular in their inquiries after you and the family. Our dear friends the Coxes were as hearty as ever, and I have agreed with Hannah to be her beau to

Boston next year, if nothing happens to prevent,
and to take her husband John along with us, if
he will come.

J. W. Dwydale's mother is in Indiana.

Brayard Taylor's father and mother were
at our meeting. Brayard is expected home next
week from his foreign tour, bringing his wife and
babe with him.

Our meeting at West Chester closed yes-
terday at 1 o'clock. At 3, P. M. I took the same
train for which our Philadelphia friends left, got
out at the Paoli station, nine miles below, then
took the cars for Christiana, and arrived here at
early tea time, and am now under the roof of my
quaint and excellent friend Thomas Whitson. This
evening I am to give a lecture on Disunionism in
this place. To-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, I
am to speak in the Quaker meeting-house at Port.
Whether I am to lecture any where else before
reaching Selzer, I do not know, but hope to speak
in Pittsburgh.

My health is good, and the weather is
beautiful. Trusting all goes on well at home, and
sending kisses for the children, and kind regards to
Mary Ann, I remain, in life and evermore,
Your loving husband,
W. L. G.

